



ATTACHMENT A

PENDING CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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(amended) 14. A portable holder for use in holding two cylinders, said holder comprising:

a frame means forming two compartments, each for holding one cylinder inserted into the compartment through openings in the top of said frame; and

a rotatable handle means for engaging cylinders within said compartments and for facilitating lifting of the frame by a user, said means located positioned inside said frame and in between said compartments, said compartments for rotation on said frame means,

~~said handle means being rotatable~~said means being operable between an open position and a closed position; and

wherein, when said means is in the open position, cylinders can be inserted or removed from said compartments and in ~~when said means is in the closed position, cylinders inserted within said compartments are secured within said portable holder.~~, ~~said closed position said handle can retain at least one of said cylinders within said compartments and in said open position said handle allows either or both of said two cylinders to be removed from said compartments~~

(amended) 15. The portable holder of claim 14, wherein said frame means is formed out of a solid structure.

(amended) 16. The portable holder of claim 14, wherein said frame means is formed out of individual frame members.

(amended) 17. The portable holder of claim 15 or 16, wherein said frame means is formed from materials selected from the group consisting of metals, plastics, composites and alloys.

(amended) 18. The portable holder of claim 17, wherein said handle means comprises:

~~a shaft portion and a grasping portion, said grasping portion located at the top of said frame rotatable between the open and the closed positions above said frame means.~~

(amended) 19. The portable holder of claim 18, wherein a top of said grasping portion, when said means is in the closed position, does not

~~extend above each of said two cylinders has a valve assembly at the top of the cylinders, when the cylinders are in said compartments and said grasping portion does not protrude above said valve assembly.~~

(amended) 20. The portable holder of claim 14-~~or~~19, wherein a base portion is located at ~~the said~~ bottom of the frame-means.

(amended) 21. The portable holder of claim 20, wherein a cupping portion-means is located on said base portion in each of said at least one compartment, said cupping portion means being shaped to hold said at least one receive a base of the cylinder.

(amended) 22. The portable holder of any of claims ~~claim 20 or 21~~, wherein said base further comprising ~~is~~ flat portion located at the bottom of each of said compartments and a recessed portion is located in between said compartments.

(amended) 23. The portable holder of claim 22, wherein said shaft extends from said grasping portion into said recessed portion, said shaft connectable to ~~of~~ said base and wherein a locking means-mechanism is located on said shaft in said recessed portion, wherein said locking means mechanism adapted to engage a receiving element affixed to a rack means for securing said portable holder to said rack-means.

(amended) 24. The portable holder of claim 23, wherein when said handle-means is in the closed position, the said locking means-mechanism engages with the receiving element to affix said portable holder to said the rack-means and when said handle-means is in the open position the

locking means-mechanism disengages the receiving element to release said portable holder from ~~said-the rack-means~~.

(amended) 25. The portable holder of ~~any of claims 1423 or 24,~~ wherein the rotation of said handle-means is mechanically restricted to resting either only in ~~said-the~~ open position or only in ~~said-the~~ closed position, ~~by a mechanical means located along said shaft portion.~~

(amended) 26. The portable holder of claim 1425, wherein ~~said mechanical means is an over-center mechanism~~ mechanically restricts rotation of said means.

(new) 27. A portable holder for holding two cylinders, said holder comprising:

a frame having an open top portion and a base portion forming two compartments, each for holding a cylinder insertable into the compartments through said open top portion of the frame;

a grasping portion connectable to said frame in between said open top portion of said compartments, rotatable between an open position and closed position;

a shaft connected to said grasping portion extending between said two compartments through said frame to the base portion of said frame;

a locking mechanism connected to said shaft located in said base portion for engaging a receiving element connected to an external rack; and

wherein when the grasping portion is in the open position, cylinders can be inserted or removed from said compartments and the locking mechanism is disengaged, and when the grasping portion is in the

closed position, cylinders in said compartments are secured within said holder by said grasping portion and said locking mechanism is engaged.

(new) 28. The portable holder of claim 27, wherein the rotation of said grasping portion is mechanically restricted to resting either in said open position or in said closed position.

(new) 29. The portable holder of claim 27, wherein a top of said grasping portion, when in the closed position, does not extend above a valve assembly at the top of the cylinders when cylinders are in said compartments.

(new) 30. The portable holder of claim 27, wherein a cupping portion is located on said base portion in each of said at least one compartment, said cupping portion shaped to receive a cylinder base.

(new) 31. The portable holder of claim 27, wherein said locking mechanism can engage a receiving element affixed to a rack for securing said portable holder to said rack.

(new) 32. The portable holder of claim 31, wherein when said grasping portion is in the closed position, said locking mechanism engages with the receiving element to affix said portable holder to the rack and when said grasping portion is in the open position said locking mechanism disengages the receiving element to release said portable holder from the rack.

(new) 33. The portable holder of claim 27, wherein the rotation of said grasping portion is mechanically restricted to resting either in the open position or in the closed position.